



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR  
FROM: DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

### FIREFIGHTING HELITANKER ARRIVAL

This communiqué is to inform your Honorable Board of the early arrival of the S-64F Helitanker HT-731 that is leased annually from Erickson Aviation Incorporated. Due to the wildland fuel conditions, fire weather and early extended attack fire activity, we have requested that this firefighting helicopter begin service two weeks earlier than usual. Operations out of the Department's Van Nuys Airport Tanker Base will begin on Monday, August 1, 2016.

As part of the Board approved contract term with Erickson Aviation Inc., the term shall be extended for one year exercising the first of two one-year renewal options beginning July 16, 2016 through July 15, 2017.

The District will monitor the fire activity, wildland fuel conditions and weather forecasts in order to determine if this important firefighting resource will need to be extended past the 120-day lease period. I will keep your Board apprised accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 881-6180, or your staff may contact Chief Deputy David R. Richardson Jr., Emergency Operations, at (323) 881-6178.

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